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INTRODUCTION

The Biysk Solid Propellant Rocket Motor Test and Propellant Production Facilities are located approximately 5 nautical miles west-southwest of the highway bridge that crosses the Biya River (Figure 1). The geographic coordinates of the rocket motor test facility are approximately 52-29N 085-05E. The subject facilities (Figure 2) include a double-base propellant production plant (Figures 3 and 4), a separate but related probable solid propellant production/processing facility (Figures 5 and 6) hereinafter referred to as the modified solid propellant plant, the elaborate test facility (Figure 7 and 8), and an isolated test position (see Figures 7 and 8). The modified solid propellant plant may or may not be involved in double-base formulations, although more likely it is. The section of the complex annotated in Figure 2 as a probable high-explosives/industrial-explosives production area is not considered in detail in this report because it does not appear to be involved in the manufacture or processing of the types of explosives that are likely to be directly utilized as solid rocket propellants. It is possible, however, that this section of the complex could be involved in the manufacture of a solid oxidizer, such as ammonium perchlorate and other propellant components.

The chronological development of the complex is shown in Figures 4, 6, and 8, and building dimensions and other data are presented in Tables 1-3. Figures 9-11 are perspective views of the 2 test cells and the H-shaped checkout/assembly building at the test facility.

It should be kept in mind that there is no first-quality photographic coverage of the Biysk facilities. Dimensional data and distances are therefore approximate, and interpretations of functions are generalized. The [] photography is the first fully usable coverage and furnishes the chronology base for the detailed drawings of the facilities of the complex. However, many structures were present on the earliest coverage,

CHRONOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT OF FACILITIES

The following text indicates, in general terms, the extent of development of the various elements of the com-

plex prior to 1962, as well as developments of subsequent years not clearly evident in the figures or the tables.

1960

The [] coverage of the Biysk facilities was of very poor quality. However, the following observations can be made from this photography:

The test facility may have been in the initial stages of construction, i.e., grading and excavation. There were probably no buildings present. The isolated test position had not yet been started. The double-base plant was under construction, with the north half apparently complete or nearly so; the northernmost double base line was possibly complete. Very few buildings were present in the south half of the plant area. The modified solid propellant plant was in the early phase of construction; a few revetments, some of which may have contained buildings, were present. The probable high-explosives/industrial-explosives plant was in the early stages of construction; a few buildings, some of which were revetted, were present.

The above observations, although based on the analysis of very poor photographic coverage, tend to indicate that the principal elements of the Biysk complex may have been essentially contemporaneous in starting times and rates of construction. It appears probable, however, that some production and test elements of the complex had an operational capability considerably prior to the completion of the

complex as a whole. It is also possible that part of the double-base plant antedates 1960 and was producing conventional propellants prior to that time.

1961

The subject facilities were again covered by very poor-quality photography [] from which the following observations can be made:

The test facility was in the early stages of construction, with a few buildings probably present. The isolated test position was not started. At the double-base plant considerable progress since [] had been made in the construction of new buildings. The south double-base line was present. The plant as a whole was probably 70 to 80 percent complete in terms of the number of buildings present. At the modified solid propellant plant considerable progress in the construction of new buildings was evident, but the plant as a whole was probably less than half finished by the end of the year. At the probable high-explosives/industrial-explosives plant, significant progress had been made in the construction of new buildings. The explosives storage area was not yet started.

Because of the very poor quality of the 1960 and 1961 coverages, the information derived from them should be considered as probabilities.

1962

The first fully usable photographic coverage of the Biysk complex was obtained in [] of that year is the primary source of the data in Figures 4, 6, and 8. Reference to these figures and to Tables 1, 2, and 3 will indicate the approximate construction status of the facilities of the complex at that time. The probable sensitive-components storage facility at the west end of the test facility was under construction in 1962; the degree of completion cannot be determined.

1963

In 1963 the Biysk complex was covered by only 1 mission, in [] Most of the facilities were obscured by clouds, but some information relative to the test facility and the isolated test position was available (see Figures 4, 6, and 8 and Tables 1-3).

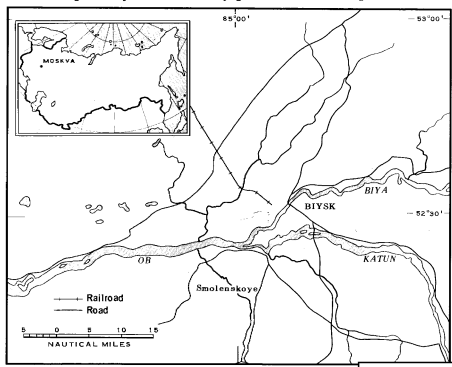


FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF BIYSK SOLID PROPELLANT ROCKET MOTOR TEST AND PROPELLANT PRODUCTION FACILITIES.

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FIGURE 2. SOLID PROPELLANT ROCKET MOTOR TEST AND PROPELLANT PRODUCTION FACILITIES.

1964 THROUGH

At the isolated test position, the 2 westernmost un-occupied revetments west of the position were apparently complete by [redacted]. The third had been started by that date and was still under construction in [redacted] as was the wall system that will secure the area occupied by these revetments. Two additional areas of

construction activity at the test position were evident on the [redacted] photography (see Figure 7). On photography of [redacted] dark discoloration of snow-covered terrain opposite the test position provided evidence of a then-recent firing. (For the status of the other facilities, see Figures 4, 6, and 8 and Tables 1-3.)

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ESTIMATED DATES OF OPERATIONAL STATUS OF FACILITIES

The following statements concerning dates of operational status for major elements of the Biysk facilities are strictly estimates, based on an analysis of all the photographic coverage of the facilities, and should be used with due caution.

DOUBLE-BASE PLANT

A limited double-base production capability could have existed as early as [redacted] at which time the structures comprising the northernmost double-base production line were present. However, in view of the fact that no test facilities were available until mid-to-late 1962, it would appear that even a limited double-base capability, in terms of rocket motor propellants, did not exist until then. In view of the subsequent construction in the plant, it appears probable that it did not achieve full production capability until considerably later.

MODIFIED SOLID PROPELLANT PLANT

In terms of flow pattern and type of propellant produced, this plant remains an enigma. A very similar plant is located at the Perm Rocket Motor Test and Production Facility. The Biysk plant contains buildings which can be interpreted as administration/laboratory/engineering structures (items 75, 76, and 78, Figure 6), a considerable number of revetted structures, and a group of offset buildings similar to those found in the east end of the Biysk test facility. Of the revetted structures, at least 1 and possibly more can be reasonably interpreted to be casting facilities. Item 29 in Figure 6 is the largest of these structures, with a high section on top of the main building. The height of the building and the presence of heavy revetting suggest that it may be a casting facility for large motors. It is probably rail served, as are other revetted propellant handling facilities in the plant.

TEST FACILITY

Most of the structures in the west half of the test facility were apparently complete by the end of 1962.

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However, none of the buildings interpreted as possible temperature conditioning structures had yet been started. It is conceivable that a limited test capability existed by the end of 1962, but it appears probable that the facility as a whole did not become operational until 1964 or possibly later. The limited testing required by the early, possibly pilot-scale production of the double-base and solid propellant plants may have been carried out at the isolated test position. If the assumption is made that part or all of the early solid propellant production capability of the double-base plant is or was used for the manufacture of small, tactical-type rockets, the small shell-testing range located at the extreme west end of the test facility would have sufficed for quality-control testing. This range was apparently complete in [REDACTED]. Steamlines serving the possible temperature conditioning facilities and other structures in the east end of the test facility were in the early stages of construction in [REDACTED]. Steamline service to the test positions and their supporting facilities was probably complete by that date. Steamlines to the possible temperature conditioning facilities were probably completed between [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] segments of trenching were still open in some areas on the [REDACTED] coverage. Steamlines to the 4 large storage buildings immediately west of the temperature conditioning structures were probably incomplete as of [REDACTED].

ISOLATED TEST POSITION

This facility was apparently operational by [REDACTED] although it has been added to since. Photography of that date shows in an otherwise cloudless sky a roughly circular probable smoke cloud not far from the test position. The cloud was estimated to be about 2,200 feet in diameter and had drifted about 4,400 feet from the test position. On the same photography a possible burn mark is visible on the bank opposite the test position.

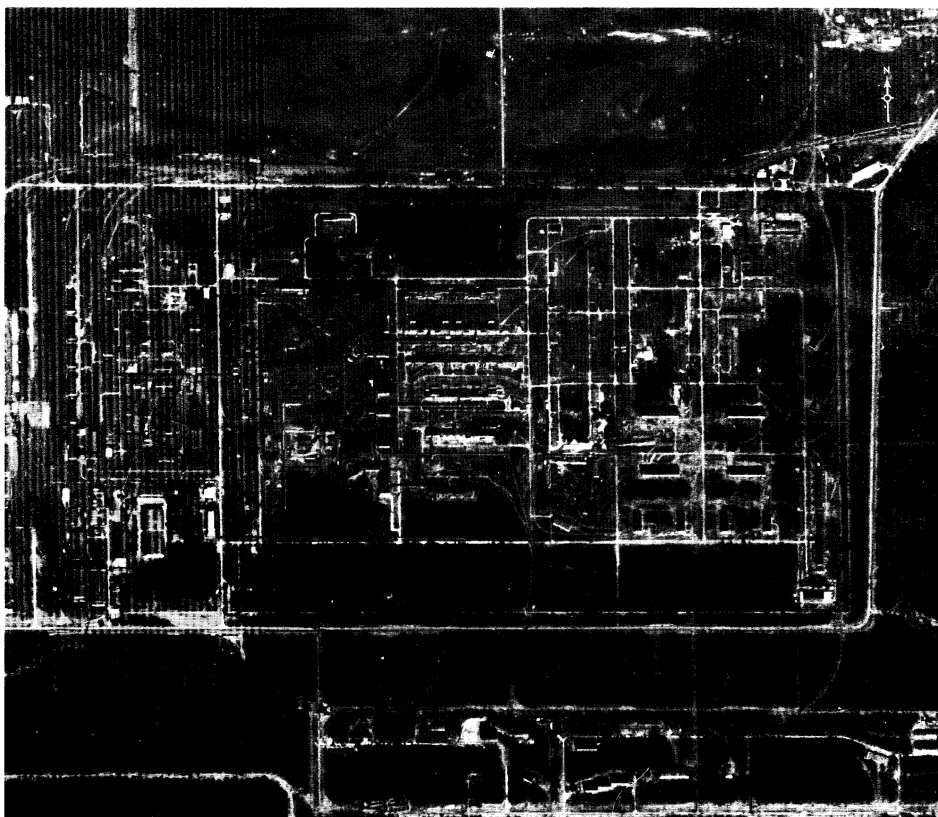


FIGURE 3. DOUBLE-BASE PROPELLANT PLANT, [REDACTED]

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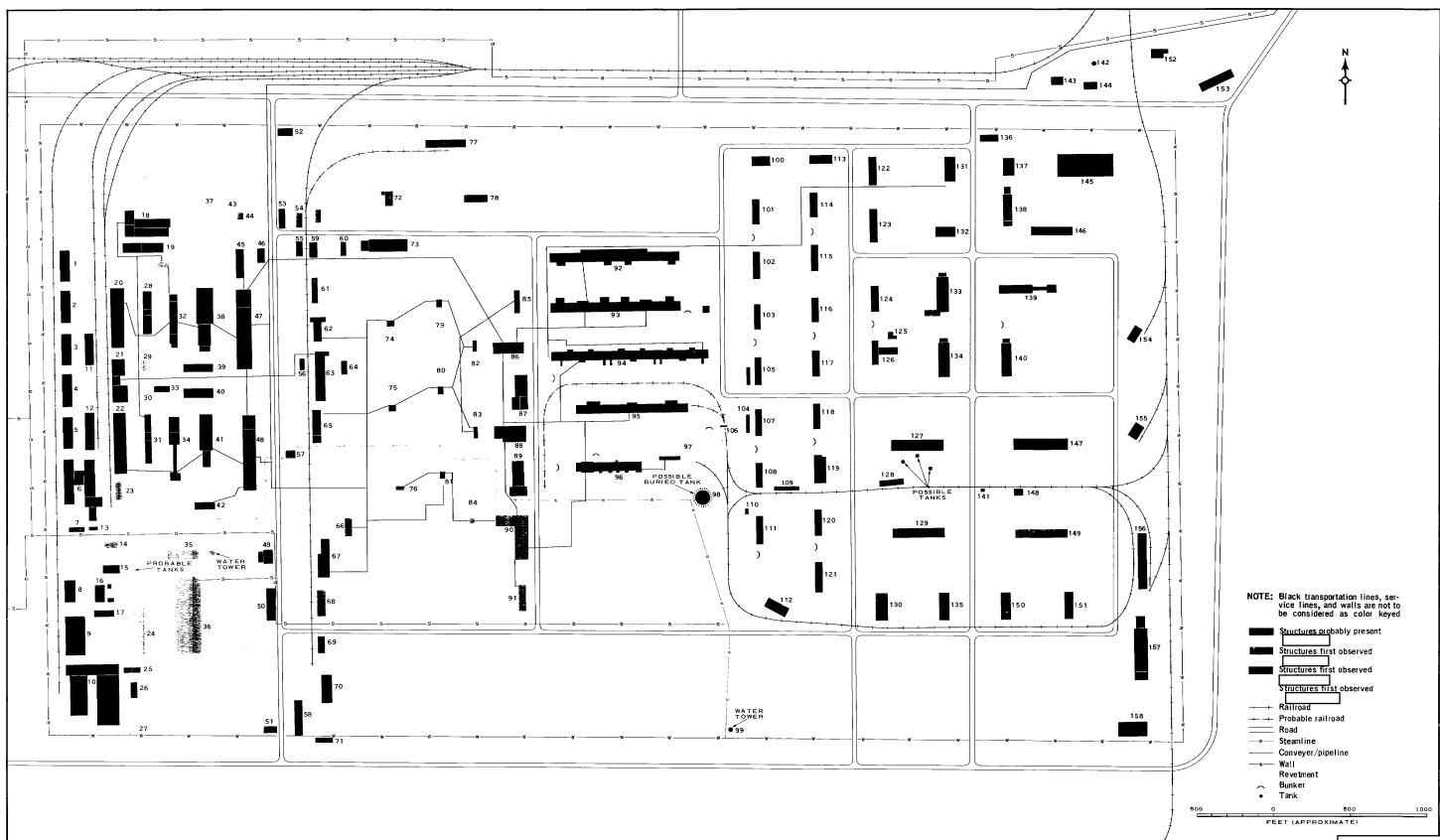


FIGURE 4. LAYOUT OF DOUBLE-BASE PROPELLANT PLANT.

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Table 1. Data on Structures in Double-Base Preplant Plant (Item numbers are keyed to Figure 4)

Item	Interpreted Function	Dimensions (ft)*				Present or First Observed**	Explanatory Notes	Item	Interpreted Function	Dimensions (ft)*				Present or First Observed**	Explanatory Notes	Item	Interpreted Function	Dimensions (ft)*				Present or First Observed**	Explanatory Notes
		Length	Width	Height	Roof Cover (sq ft)					Length	Width	Height	Roof Cover (sq ft)					Length	Width	Height	Roof Cover (sq ft)		
25X1	1 Probably cellulose storage 2 Probably cellulose storage 3 Probably cellulose storage 4 Probably cellulose storage 5 Probably cellulose storage 6 Cellulose processing 7 U/I 8 Shop/storage 9 Shop/fabrication 10 Fabrication 11 Probably cellulose storage 12 Probably cellulose storage 13 U/I 14 U/I 15 Possibly acid processing						This item and item 15 may be objects in open storage. These and overhead piping likely transportation. Stack suggests heat treatment may be part of function of bldg. See note for item 7. Dimensions overall: bldg has small tower section and low section on east side. Four probable tanks are short distance east of bldg. The 2 small bldgs immediately east are [] and 25 by 30 ft.	60 U/I 61 Possibly nitrocellulose processing 62 Possibly nitrocellulose processing 63 Possibly nitrocellulose processing 64 Possibly glycerine processing 65 Possibly nitrocellulose processing 66 Possibly glycerine processing 67 Nitroglycerin/nitrocellulose processing 68 U/I 69 Possibly storage 70 Possibly storage 71 Possibly storage 72 Support/storage 73 Possibly nitrocellulose processing 74 Glycerine situation 75 Glycerine situation 76 Glycerine situation 77 Possible laboratory 78 Possibly support/storage 79 Nitroglycerine processing 80 Nitroglycerine processing 81 Nitroglycerine processing 82 Nitroglycerine processing 83 Nitroglycerine processing 84 Nitroglycerine processing 85 Nitroglycerine/double-base processing 86 Nitroglycerine/double-base processing 87 Nitroglycerine/double-base processing 88 Nitroglycerine/double-base processing 89 Nitroglycerine/double-base processing 90 Nitroglycerine processing 91 Support/storage 92 Double-base processing 93 Double-base processing 94 Double-base processing 95 Double-base processing 96 Possibly casting 97 Possibly casting 98 Possible buried tank 99 Water tower 100 Double-base processing/storage 101 Double-base processing 102 Double-base processing 103 Double-base processing 104 Support 105 Double-base processing						Has 25- by 30-ft projection on NE corner. Connected to item 64 by overhead pipeline. Has 3 vertical columns or tanks in row along east side. Shed may have been razed. Items 76, 81, 84, and 90 may be involved in situation and processing of substance other than glycerine. Building may be rail served; it could thus be interpreted as shipping/receiving facility. Very large structure. Smaller wing is higher. May be functionally related to items 96 and 97, possible casting facilities. Probably support for item 90. Dimensions do not include several open rectangular projections along length of bldg. Small bldg east of item 92 is [] 40 ft. Dimensions do not include several open rectangular projections along length of bldg. Dimensions do not include several open rectangular projections along length of bldg. Dimensions do not include several open rectangular projections along length of bldg. U/C in [] possibly complete by late 1961. Similar to several others in USSR. See item 97. Part of item 96. Heavily rusted. Rail served. Possibly complete in late 1964, late 1965, or early-to-mid 1966. Distance includes earth covering.	106 Support 107 Double-base processing 108 Double-base processing 109 Freight receiving/shipping 110 Support 111 Double-base processing 112 Possibly motor storage/curing/assembly 113 Double-base processing/storage 114 Double-base processing 115 Double-base processing 116 Double-base processing 117 Double-base processing 118 Double-base processing 119 Double-base processing 120 Double-base processing 121 Double-base processing 122 Double-base processing/storage 123 Double-base processing/storage 124 Double-base processing 125 Double-base processing 126 Double-base processing 127 Possibly motor storage/curing/assembly 128 Freight handling 129 Possibly motor storage/curing/assembly 130 Possibly motor storage/curing/assembly 131 Double-base processing/storage 132 Double-base processing/storage 133 Double-base processing 134 Double-base processing/storage 135 Possibly motor storage/curing/assembly 136 Support/possible administration 137 Support/administration 138 Support/double-base processing 139 Double-base processing 140 Double-base processing 141 Support 142 Tank 143 Administration/support 144 Administration/support 145 Packing/shipping 146 Support/double-base processing 147 Possibly motor storage/curing/assembly 148 Support 149 Possibly motor storage/curing/assembly 150 Possibly motor storage/curing/assembly 151 Possibly motor storage/curing/assembly 152 Administration/support 153 Administration/support 154 Storage 155 Storage 156 Packing/shipping 157 Packing/shipping 158 Packing/shipping						Probably rail served. 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25X1	16 Possibly acid processing 17 Possibly acid processing 18 Possibly cellulose situation						Complex multilvl bldg connected by large-diameter overhead pipelines to both cellulose processing items. Probably part of item 15.	78 Possibly support/storage 79 Nitroglycerine processing 80 Nitroglycerine processing 81 Nitroglycerine processing 82 Nitroglycerine processing 83 Nitroglycerine processing 84 Nitroglycerine processing 85 Nitroglycerine/double-base processing 86 Nitroglycerine/double-base processing 87 Nitroglycerine/double-base processing 88 Nitroglycerine/double-base processing 89 Nitroglycerine/double-base processing 90 Nitroglycerine processing 91 Support/storage 92 Double-base processing 93 Double-base processing 94 Double-base processing 95 Double-base processing 96 Possibly casting 97 Possibly casting 98 Possible buried tank 99 Water tower 100 Double-base processing/storage 101 Double-base processing 102 Double-base processing 103 Double-base processing 104 Support 105 Double-base processing						120 Double-base processing 121 Double-base processing 122 Double-base processing/storage 123 Double-base processing/storage 124 Double-base processing 125 Double-base processing 126 Double-base processing 127 Possibly motor storage/curing/assembly 128 Freight handling 129 Possibly motor storage/curing/assembly 130 Possibly motor storage/curing/assembly 131 Double-base processing/storage 132 Double-base processing/storage 133 Double-base processing 134 Double-base processing/storage 135 Possibly motor storage/curing/assembly 136 Support/possible administration 137 Support/administration 138 Support/double-base processing 139 Double-base processing 140 Double-base processing 141 Support 142 Tank 143 Administration/support 144 Administration/support 145 Packing/shipping 146 Support/double-base processing 147 Possibly motor storage/curing/assembly 148 Support 149 Possibly motor storage/curing/assembly 150 Possibly motor storage/curing/assembly 151 Possibly motor storage/curing/assembly 152 Administration/support 153 Administration/support 154 Storage 155 Storage 156 Packing/shipping 157 Packing/shipping 158 Packing/shipping						25X1 U/C in [] U/C in [] Probably rail served. SW wing added in 1964. Probably rail served. Bldg may be slightly irregular in floor plan; dimensions overall. Has 30- by 30-ft section on north end. May have been present in [] Probably rail served. Possible product packaging facility. Possible bldg. Rail served. Rail served. Rail served. Has high center section. May also have assembly function. Probably rail served. Has high center section. Dimensions are overall. May also have assembly function. Still U/C in [] May also have assembly function. Small bldg immediately west is 25 by 30 ft.			
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25X+	51 Gasblow/gasblowhouse 52 Gasblow/gasblowhouse 53 U/I 54 U/I 55 Possibly nitrocellulose processing 56 U/I 57 U/I 58 Possibly storage 59 U/I						Has [] section on north end. High multilevel structure.	78 Possibly support/storage 79 Nitroglycerine processing 80 Nitroglycerine processing 81 Nitroglycerine processing 82 Nitroglycerine processing 83 Nitroglycerine processing 84 Nitroglycerine processing 85 Nitroglycerine/double-base processing 86 Nitroglycerine/double-base processing 87 Nitroglycerine/double-base processing 88 Nitroglycerine/double-base processing 89 Nitroglycerine/double-base processing 90 Nitroglycerine processing 91 Support/storage 92 Double-base processing 93 Double-base processing 94 Double-base processing 95 Double-base processing 96 Possibly casting 97 Possibly casting 98 Possible buried tank 99 Water tower 100 Double-base processing/storage 101 Double-base processing 102 Double-base processing 103 Double-base processing 104 Support 105 Double-base processing						120 Double-base processing 121 Double-base processing 122 Double-base processing/storage 123 Double-base processing/storage 124 Double-base processing 125 Double-base processing 126 Double-base processing 127 Possibly motor storage/curing/assembly 128 Freight handling 129 Possibly motor storage/curing/assembly 130 Possibly motor storage/curing/assembly 131 Double-base processing/storage 132 Double-base processing/storage 133 Double-base processing 134 Double-base processing/storage 135 Possibly motor storage/curing/assembly 136 Support/possible administration 137 Support/administration 138 Support/double-base processing 139 Double-base processing 140 Double-base processing 141 Support 142 Tank 143 Administration/support 144 Administration/support 145 Packing/shipping 146 Support/double-base processing 147 Possibly motor storage/curing/assembly 148 Support 149 Possibly motor storage/curing/assembly 150 Possibly motor storage/curing/assembly 151 Possibly motor storage/curing/assembly 152 Administration/support 153 Administration/support 154 Storage 155 Storage 156 Packing/shipping 157 Packing/shipping 158 Packing/shipping						25X1 U/C in [] U/C in [] Probably rail served. SW wing added in 1964. Probably rail served. Bldg may be slightly irregular in floor plan; dimensions overall. Has 30- by 30-ft section on north end. May have been present in [] Probably rail served. Possible product packaging facility. Possible bldg. Rail served. Rail served. Rail served. Has high center section. May also have assembly function. Probably rail served. Has high center section. Dimensions are overall. May also have assembly function. Still U/C in [] May also have assembly function. Small bldg immediately west is 25 by 30 ft.			

*Horizontal dimensions are accurate to within [] meters; vertical dimensions are accurate to within ± 10 ft.

**Completion dates are not stated, due to both line gaps and quality limitations of the photographic coverage. Structures possibly may be considered apparently complete in the year given unless otherwise stated in the explanatory notes or annotated on the figures. Photography of the best early coverage, has been used as the chronology base; many structures antedate this coverage. See text for the status of facilities during 1960 and 1961.

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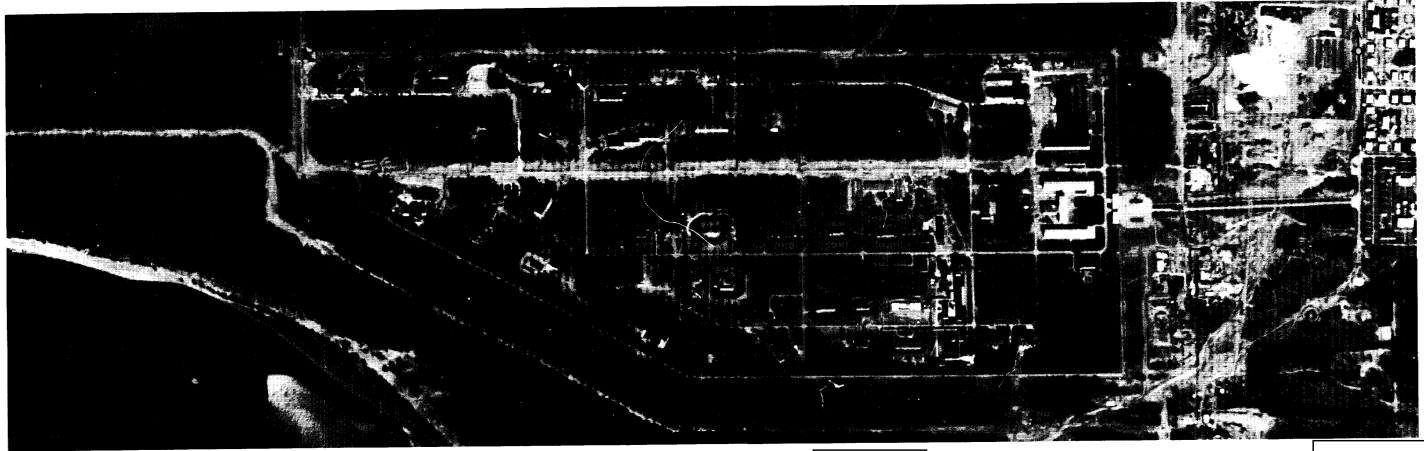


FIGURE 5. MODIFIED SOLID PROPELLANT PLANT.

Table 2. Data on Structures in Modified Solid Propellant Plant (item numbers are keyed to Figure 6)

Item	Interpreted Function	Dimensions (ft)*				Probably Present or First Observed**	Explanatory Notes	Item	Interpreted Function	Dimensions (ft)*				Probably Present or First Observed**	Explanatory Notes
		Length	Width	Height	Roof Cover (sq ft)					Length	Width	Height	Roof Cover (sq ft)		
1	U/I						May be check station for material entering plant from double-base plant. Bldg is probably pipeline served. Somburied.	36	Propellant processing						Probably complex structure of which only 1 element is included in stated length and width. May be rail served.
2	Tank							37	Possibly shipping/receiving						
3	U/I							38	Possibly casting						Revetted. Possibly rail served. Entrance is approx [redacted] ft ground level and approx [redacted] ft.
4	U/I							39	Possibly casting						Possibly rail served. Height given is questionable. the 2-level building may be approx twice as high as stated.
5	Storage						Revetted.								Appears to be connected with possible temperature-conditioning/motor storage facility, item 23. Rail served.
6	Storage						Revetted.								
7	Possible pump/valve house						Revetment was U/C in [redacted] Bldg may be involved in propellant mixing, casting, or curing.	30	U/I						
8	Propellant processing						Revetment was U/C in [redacted] Bldg may be involved in propellant mixing, casting, or curing.	31	Propellant processing						
9	Propellant processing						Revetted or situated in outback. May be involved in propellant mixing, casting, or curing.	32	Propellant processing						The 3 small structures NE of revetment are [redacted] and [redacted]. They probably are entrances to building under revetment.
10	Propellant processing						This bldg and the tank base immediately north were U/C in [redacted]	33	Propellant processing						Has row of possible columns or slender vertical tanks along west side. Was U/C in [redacted]
11	Propellant processing						Revetted possible horizontal tank or bldg. Revetted possible horizontal tank or bldg. Revetted or situated in outback. May be revetted or situated in outback.	34	Possibly fluid processing						
12	U/I						Height of bldg suggests it is used for core insertion/removal or other hardware handling functions. Possible casting/curing facility has high section at one end. May contain 3 pits/silos U/C in [redacted]	35	Propellant processing						Possibly U/C in late 1965.
13	Propellant processing						Has shed 120 by 25 ft on north side. Size and height of bldg suggest stated function. May be rail served. Is partially revetted. U/C when first seen.	36	Propellant processing						
14	Propellant processing						See similar structures in east end of test facility. May be casting/curing facility. Is possibly rail served. Has unusual structure immediately east of revetment entrance.	37	Propellant processing						Bldg has remained incomplete since [redacted] Bldg is served by 1 or more overhead TIGHTERs that link it with items 40, 55, and 57, possibly with other structures.
15	Propellant processing							38	U/I						
16	Propellant processing							39	Propellant processing						
17	U/I							40	Propellant processing						
18	Possibly motor handling							41	Propellant processing						
19	Propellant processing							42	U/I						
20	U/I							43	U/I						
21	Propellant processing							44	U/I						
22	Possibly packing/shipping							45	U/I						
23	Possibly temperature-conditioning/motor storage							46	U/I						
24	Propellant processing							47	Propellant processing						
25	U/I							48	Laboratory/office						
								49	U/I						
								50	Processing						
								51	Processing						Has high section on north end.

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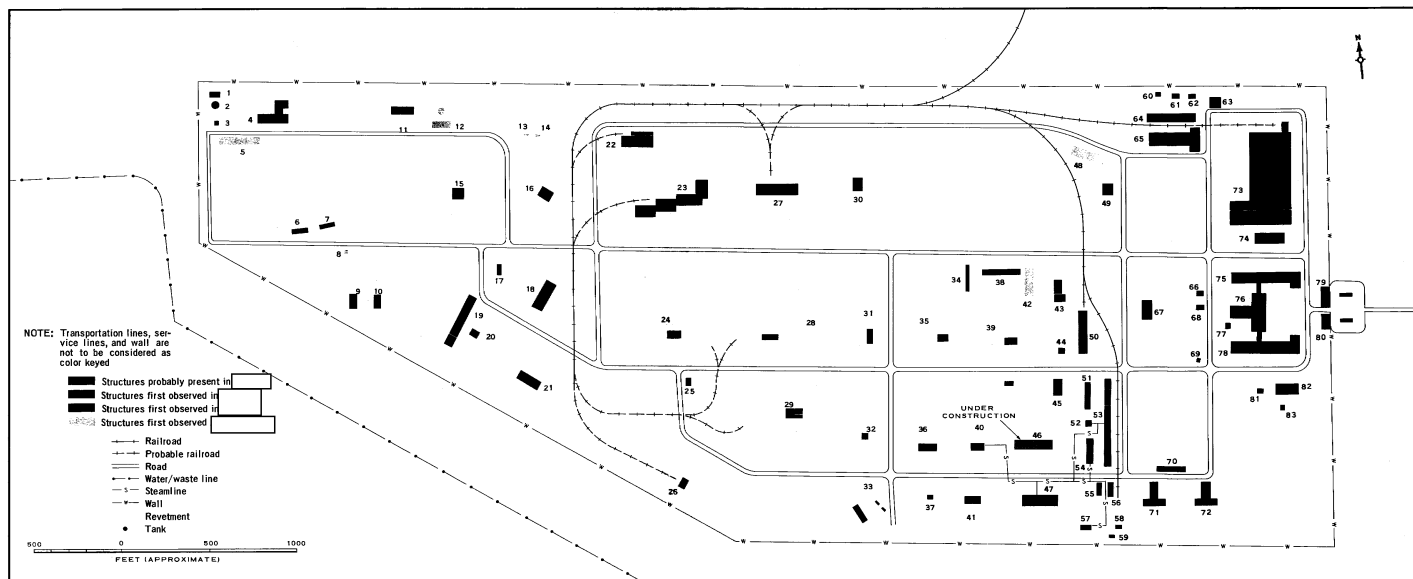


FIGURE 6. LAYOUT OF MODIFIED SOLID PROPELLANT PLANT.

Table 2. (Continued)

Item	Interpreted Function	Dimensions (ft)*				Probably Present or First Observed**	Explanatory Notes	Item	Interpreted Function	Dimensions (ft)*				Probably Present or First Observed**	Explanatory Notes
		Length	Width	Height	Roof Cover (sq ft)					Length	Width	Height	Roof Cover (sq ft)		
52	Processing						High section is [redacted] Two-level bldg. Items 50-59 are probably related to the probable propellants processing carried out in this part of plant. Items 60-63 may be storage/distribution facilities for motor/propellant components. This bldg and item 65 may be joined, to form 1 complex structure. Cross of "P" is [redacted] See item 64.	71	Possible test laboratory						Items 71 and 72 may be involved in quality-control testing of propellants and propellant ingredients. South sides of both items appear to consist of 4 cell-like projections. U/C in [redacted] Has possible crane yard at north end which may be rail served. Possibly includes laboratories. West wing U/C in [redacted] rest of building apparently complete. Possibly includes laboratories.
53	Processing							72	Possible test laboratory						
54	Processing							73	Case assembly/fabrication						
55	U/I							74	Office for item 73						
56	U/I							75	Administration/engineering						
57	U/I							76	Administration/engineering						
58	U/I							77	Support						
59	U/I							78	Administration/engineering						
60	Possibly storage							79	Administration						
61	Possibly storage							80	Administration						
62	Possibly storage							81	Support						
63	Possibly storage							82	Support						
64	Hardware/fabrication/assembly							83	Possibly offices						
65	Hardware/fabrication/assembly														
66	U/I														
67	U/I														
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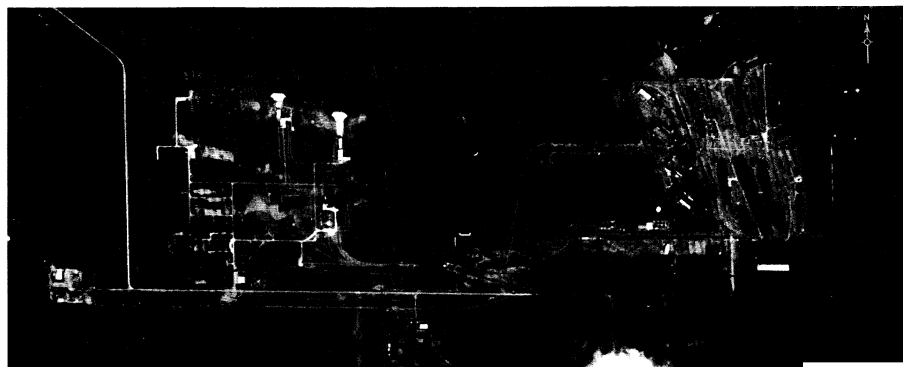
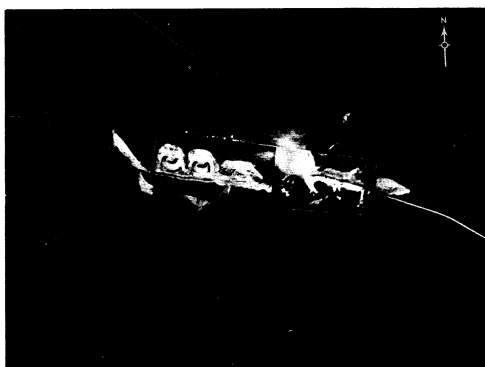


FIGURE 7. TEST FACILITY AND ISOLATED TEST POSITION (INSET)

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Table 3. Data on Structures in Test Facility and Isolated Test Position (Item numbers are keyed to Figure 8)

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Item	Interpreted Function	Dimensions (ft)*				Probably Present or First Observed**	Explanatory Notes	Item	Interpreted Function	Dimensions (ft)*				Probably Present or First Observed**	Explanatory Notes	
		Length	Width	Height	Roof Cover (sq ft)					Length	Width	Height	Roof Cover (sq ft)			
TEST FACILITY																
1	Small test cell						See Figure 9. Apparently still U/C in [] deflector probably completed in 1963.	28	Storage						Still U/C. []	
2	Large test cell						See Figure 10. Deflector present in 1962.	29	Storage						High section on west end is 66 by []	
3	Control/support							30	Storage/shop							
4	Possibly post-fire checkout							31	Storage/shop						U/C in []	
5	Checkout/assembly						H-shaped bldg; see Figure 11. Height is for highest section of this multilevel bldg.	32	Shop						Separate security suggests storage of sensitive components.	
6	Components storage/assembly							33	Storage/shop						Bldg and adjacent structure may or may not be part of test facility. Separate security suggests storage of sensitive components.	
7	Components storage/assembly							34	Components storage						Contrasting construction activity evident in []	
8	Shop/support							35	Components storage						Separate security suggests storage of sensitive components.	
9	Shop/support							36	U/I						Bldg is steamline served. U/C in []	
10	Storage						Reveted.	37	U/I						This structure and others in same separately secured area are common to several other solid rocket motor test complexes in USSR.	
11	Shop/support							38	U/I						Storage and assembly of igniter components is possible function for structure.	
12	Shop/test/subassembly						Tank immediately west of item 12 is 80 ft in diameter.	39	Storage (reveted)							
13	Shop/test/subassembly							40	U/I						Possible tank west of item 40 is approx [] ft in diameter.	
14	Shop/test/subassembly							ISOLATED TEST POSITION								
15	U/I						Tower-like structure approx [] Large earth-covered tank immediately north of bldg is 80 ft in diameter.	1	Test position revetment						Easternmost segment, which probably contains a control building, was first observed in 1964. South and west segments were present in 1962.	
16	U/I						Still incomplete. [] Could also be interpreted as solid rocket motor storage/curing facility. This structure could be used for pulling cores.	2	Test position/bldg						Possible smoke cloud emanating from this test position/bldg was seen on [] topography.	
17	Storage						Could also be interpreted as solid rocket motor storage/curing facility. The 3 northernmost segments were present in 1963. May be identical to item 15.	3	Control/support							
18	Possibly temperature conditioning							*Horizontal dimensions are accurate to within ± 10 ft or 5%, whichever is greater. Heights are accurate to within ± 10 ft.								
19	Shop						Still U/C in [] Could also be interpreted as solid rocket motor storage/curing facility. Northernmost segment U/C in [] Facility may be identical to item 25.	**Completion dates are not stated, due to both time gaps and quality limitations of the photographic coverage.								
20	Possibly temperature conditioning						Could also be interpreted as solid rocket motor storage/curing facility. Northernmost segment present in 1963.	Structures generally may be considered apparently complete in the year given unless otherwise stated in the explanatory notes or annotated on the figures. Photography of [] the best early coverage, has been used as the chronology base; many structures antedate this coverage. See text for the status of facilities during 1960 and 1961.								
21	Administration/storage/shop							Note: The several small buildings shown in Figure 8 are too small to measure on available photography.								
22	Storage															
23	Storage															
24	Possibly temperature conditioning															
25	Possibly temperature conditioning															
26	Storage															
27	Storage/shop															

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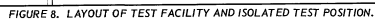
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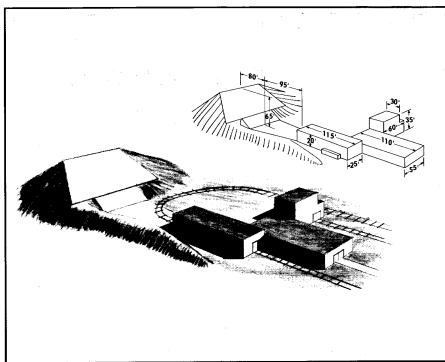


FIGURE 9. PERSPECTIVE VIEW OF SMALL TEST CELL AT TEST FACILITY.

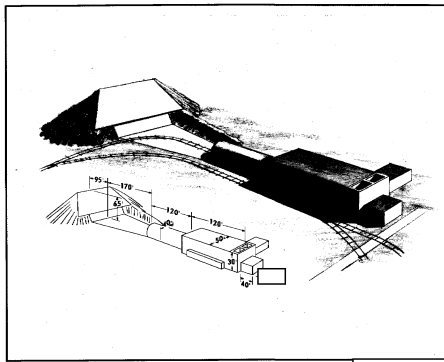


FIGURE 10. PERSPECTIVE VIEW OF LARGE TEST CELL AT TEST FACILITY.

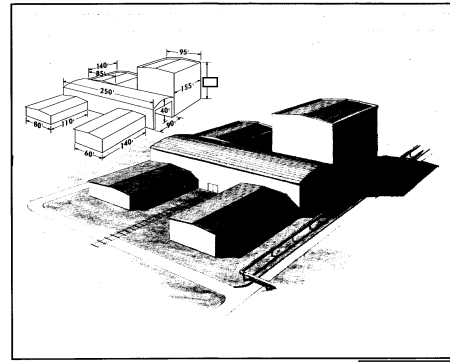


FIGURE 11. PERSPECTIVE VIEW OF H-SHAPED CHECKOUT/ASSEMBLY BUILDING AT TEST FACILITY.

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